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HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

It is not "true to form" for a Virginian to concede that the Old Dominion is lacking in anything.

We could wish, however, that Virginia had more high school bands.

North Carolina, it must be conceded, has reached a high state of development of high school musical units. At Chapel Hill last Saturday, no less than 13 bands paraded on the football field at half-time. And in these 15 bands, there were an amazing total of 1,250 musicians!

That has to be seen to be appreciated. And when seen, it makes an unforgetable impression.

We would think that the trick of having a good high school band is in finding the capable leaders to organize and instruct the boys and girls. Building up a band from scratch is no task for an amateur. Funds for the instruments and the flashy uniforms come along, but can't get to first base without an accomplished tutor.

If that be true, how can Virginia acquire a supply of band leaders? Does North Carolina train its own, or do they come on the open market? Someone might inquire into the matter.

THE PASSING OF BOJANGLES

(From New York Times)

It is unique place that Bill Robinson occupies ... [illegible] contemporaries was not merely of his skill of his art, magnificent as that was. For while Bojangles the dancer solicited the highest commendation, it was Bill Robinson the man who won such uniform affection and esteem. His death takes from us not only a great performer who entertained us but a great human being who made our lives richer and happier.

His generosity was fabulous, but it was not merely the easy-handedness of the "soft touch." It was also the outpouring of a person who gave himself as freely as he gave his substance. His whole life consisted of doing the thing that he loved to do for the enjoyment and benefit of others. His enormous gusto was readily communicated and it seemed inexhaustible. How many multiplied thousands of persons there must be who have experienced that "lift" that they got from just watching Bojangles in action. All of them will feel that in his passing they have lost a personal friend, and he would have wanted them to feel just that.

STRATEGY FOR TEACHERS

(Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tribune)

To hold its top notch football coach, the University of Oklahoma had to raise his salary to $15,000. The absurdity of paying him more that the school's president receives became apparent in a hurry, we are happy to say, and so the latter's compensation was placed at $16,000. It was embarassng to Oklahoma A. & M. partisans that this was greater than the amount received by that school's president, so the latter has been raised to $16,000.

School men may now soften their criticisms against the oversemphasis on football. Prosperous grid coaches make prosperous prexies.

GIVEAWAY FADEAWAY

(Winchester Star)

Experts who keep their fingers on the pulse of radio audiences are intimating that the giveaway craze is on the decline. One of the important signs is the fact that "Stop the Music" has fallen to sixty-sixth position in popular vote according to the last Hooperating which generally is accepted as the measurement for audience interest in the nation.

This time last year, before the FCC really came out with its ultimatum on giveaways, "Stop the Music" ranked forty-fourth in the Hooper measurement of interest. Another giveaway, "Hollywood Calling," is 104th in popularity, which is pretty far down the Hooper parade.

Such jesters as Jack Benny still hold their top ratings. All they give away is fun and entertainment — for those who want fun and entertainment on the corny side. A lot of people do, apparantly. Jack is No. 2 on the Hooper chart.

There are various reasons for the decline of interest in the fabulous giveaways. It could be that the public is impressed with the reports that it is not only difficult to handle a jackpot but that the jackpot is more trouble than it is worth.

However, one particular thought comes to mind. The decline of the giveaway—if Hooper is correct—raises the hope that radio moronia as a whole may be on the decline.

"There is no way of determining the age of the earth with exactitude," asserts a geologist. Of course not. All that anyone knows for sure is that for a long time the earth has been present and unaccounted for.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

At a coming - out party for debutantes the other day a Boston family provided a circus setting, with live lions from a famous animal farm. Social lions, of course.—Christian Science Monitor.

A prediction of amusement trends gives the radio jackpot another nine months, and Berle about the same. The natural, it seems to us, would be a grand finale in which they give Milt away.—Washington Star.

Sandpapering the soles of a baby's new shoes before they are worn may keep him from slipping, and so prevent falls.

Many homemakers like the idea of keeping a bottle of vinegar on hand with several cloves of garlic and a few pods of red peppers in it. Such vinegar is particularly pleasing in flavor when used in making mayonnaise or French dressing for vegetable salads, and is delicious, too, when poured over a roast of lamb or beef.

State income jumps 25 per cent over 1948.

Contract given for school work in Dickerson County.

Cost of living showed a decline for October.

Maryland to play Missouri in the Florida Gater Bowl.

Christmas truce is arranged for Indo-China.

Big Three defense chiefs confer in Paris.

Churchill attends session of the House of Commons.

Political group is being formed in Argentina.

London reports truce in Nigeria under control.

President Truman in Key West for vacation.

Diplomats leave Chungking as Red army approaches.

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Richwood

Richwood, Nov. 29.- "Good thoughts and wholesome intentions are of no avail if indolence is one's master." Quoted.

Divine services at Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp, of Redmond were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Fleshman.

Bascom Powell was in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis, were in Pamplin Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Rogers and E. H. Seal, of Tokoma Park, Md., visited for a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watt.

T. T. Wooldridge visited with Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family Saturday afternoon.

S. C. Arrington was in Lynchburg on business Tuesday.

Miss "Patty" and Nancy Marsh, of Lynchburg were the guests for a few days last week of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, of Lynchburg visited with Mrs. Carey's father, Floyd Trent, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh, of Newport News and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, of Marion, Va., were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arrington were in Lynchburg Sunday visiting with Mrs. Arrington's mother, Mrs. W. L. Marston, who is in a Lynchburg hospital.

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LONDON—If you are prone to worry about things, you are likely to get fat.

That's the oninion of two British doctors. Writing it in the British medical journal, two members of St. Thomas hospital in London cited cases they said upset the popular notion that trouble keeps you thin.

Drs. H. J. Shorvon and John Richardson told of several women who gained weight rapidly after severe shocks or worry.

The doctors said they were treating these patients to "relieve their mental distress," and not to cut their weight. They added they could not explain the reaction, and suggested the subject needed further study.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 29.- Thanksgiving passed off quietly around here. Not very much hunting and shooting as the schools were closed and children relished over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hudson were dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner. Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Carter visited in this home on Sunday. Mrs. Eddie Warriner is improving after a recent illness.

A. B. Ferguson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family, and on Sunday they all were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harris and family, of Oakville, and they called to see Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera, in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Turke Pope and two sons, of South Carolina, spent Thanksgiving day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glover, of Crewe spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin and friend, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G W. Glover. They also called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Massie, of Newport News spent the week-end with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Chocklett. Rev. Chocklett continues ill.

Mrs. David Garrett was called to Washington, D. C. last Wednesday, due to the illness of her sister, Mrs. J. T. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge and Jimmie Evans spent last Sunday in Catawba and Roanoke visiting Mr. Evans' wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett, of Gladstone were last Wednesday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

He has accepted a pastorate. Our best wishes go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin left on Sunday for their home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. W. J Glover, all called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Sunday for their home in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Carter have moved to Charlottesville where Friday night.

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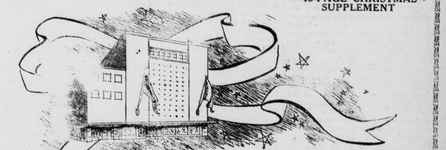

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